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## **MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSION ON HEALTH**

### **Meeting Minutes**

June 15, 2017

401 Hungerford Drive, Rockville, Maryland 20850

Members Present: Brandie Armijo, Sean Bailey, Mitchell Berger, Laura Boyle, Brenda Brooks, Marla Caplon, Maya Das, Michelle Hawkins, Lenna Israbian-Jamgochian, Jessica Kronstadt, Linda McMillan, Sheela Modin, Daniel Russ, Tonya Saffer, and Fabienne Santel.

Members Absent: Stacey Burton Dey Foy, Ilana Cohen, Graciela Jaschek, Kathy Mann Koepke, Pierre Marie Longkeng, Susan Milstein, and Bridget Ware.

Staff Present: Mark Hodge, Ellen Segal, and Karen Thompkins.

#### **1.0 Call to Order and Welcome**

- Chair Daniel Russ called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

#### **2.0 COH Minutes and Next Meetings**

- A motion to approve the May 2017 minutes was made by Lenna Israbian-Jamgochian and seconded by Brandie Armijo. The minutes were approved unanimously by voiced consent.
- The next COH meeting will be Thursday, July 20, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at 401 Hungerford Drive, Conference Room 1A and B, Rockville, Maryland, 20850. The following meeting will be held September 21, 2017 at 401 Hungerford Drive, Conference Room 1A and B, Rockville, Maryland.  
**\*Please note there is no meeting in August.**

#### **3.0 County Council Report - Linda McMillan**

- County Council is quiet now; no health-related issues at this time.
- Now would be a good time to bring to the County Councils attention any topics of interest for the fall.

#### **4.0 Food and Nutrition Services Report – Marla Caplon**

- Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) are geared up for the summer meals program. School starts later this year and MCPS will work to keep the programs running in the extra two weeks.
- Marla has just accepted a new position as Director of Student Wellness. This is a newly created position.

#### **5.0 Healthy Montgomery – Michelle Hawkins**

- The Transforming Communities Initiative (TCI) is an ongoing initiative with Holy Cross Health, the Institute of Public Health Innovation, Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services and Eat Well Be Active of Healthy Montgomery. TCI was developed from the work of Eat Well Be Active to implement a range of public health strategies to reduce obesity as well as other initiatives to promote tobacco-free living and address social factors that impact community health. TCI target areas are Gaithersburg, Germantown, Long Branch, and Takoma Park.
  - There was follow up discussion about the age requirement to purchase tobacco and sin taxes.

- The Healthy Montgomery Steering Committee (HMSC) recently met on June 12<sup>th</sup>. Healthy Montgomery and DHHS are assessing whether or not Healthy Montgomery should become a Montgomery County Board, Committee or Commission (BCC). There is concern that several of the BCCs share common interests and serve similar populations. To reduce redundancy, and not waste money on duplicate efforts, there is interest in combining some of the BCCs. COH and Healthy Montgomery was given as an example of two groups with similar goals that could be combined into one group.

#### **6.0 Public Health Services Chief's Report for May – Mark Hodge**

- There are three good candidates for the Chief Public Health Officer position.
- Health care services for the Homeless program will be moving to Special Needs Housing, but will still work closely with Health Care for the Uninsured.
- Maternity Partnership Program numbers are still down compared with last year. The program enrolled 22% fewer women in FY17 than at this time in FY16.
- The number of primary care encounters for Homeless Health is currently 41% higher than it was for the same period last year, partially due to the complex medical issues of many of these clients.
- Care for Kids (CFK) is expecting a shortfall of \$117K due to its continued growth trend. CFK has an enrollment that is 19% higher than this time last year.

#### **7.0 Nominations for COH Positions**

Nominations were held and votes were cast for the Chair and Vice Chair positions for FY18.

- The terms for these positions are July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.
- Nominated were:
  - Chair: Lenna Israbian-Jamgochian
  - Vice Chair: Brandi Armijo, Sean Bailey, Susan Milstein
- Each nominated individual were given the floor and introduced themselves and expressed their interest and qualifications for the position. Paper ballots were passed around for voting. Privately, the ballots were counted by Daniel Russ and Jessica Kronstadt. The newly elected COH Chair is Lenna Israbian and Vice Chair, Sean Bailey.

#### **7.0 New Business**

- It is time to create the FY17 COH Annual Report. Each workgroup was asked to assist to provide a solid paragraph to address: mission/goals of the workgroup, workgroup activities and accomplishments that have been made in FY17. Workgroups should send their summary paragraph to Karen.
- The Annual Retreat will be in October.
  - The COH will be forming a planning committee that will identify 2 speakers for the retreat and the location. Dr. Kaplan, a former COH member, has agreed to reserve the room at Ingleside at King's Farm. He should be contacted to move forward with this.
  - The COH members should consider a list of topics of interest to be worked on in the upcoming year. Workgroups are created at the retreat, dependent upon area of interest. On the day of the retreat workgroups will discuss missions, strategies, and goals, and perimeters will be set.

#### **8.0 Break into Workgroups – Workgroup Reports**

##### **Health Literacy**

- The group would like to see health literacy training integrated into the Maryland Health Connection. Mark noted that recommendations are being implemented.
- There should be a needs assessment and evaluation to monitor the implementation
- Health Literacy is considering signage for the bigger buildings to help consumers find the health care locations within the building.

**Health Prevention**

- The group will be working on the write up for the annual report in the next couple of weeks.
- Health Prevention would like to see programs to support adolescent health care.
- They would like to look into more individual data collection on adolescent health care.
- The group is not sure about whether they will continue the workgroup into the next year.

**Men's Health**

- The participant in Men's Health would like to continue the workgroup into the next year.

**9.0 Motion to Adjourn**

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen Thompkins".

Karen Thompkins  
Commission on Health